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Dockets & Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food & Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Rm 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

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Dear Sir or Madame,

Re: Docket #98N-1038 "Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food."

I know it is difficult (possibly impossible) to do your job conscientiously and, at the same time, please all the people. With all due respect, I suggest you strongly serve we, the people who pay you, and protect us from dangers in our food and drugs. (I fervently hope cosmetics and personal care products will soon be protected by law, as well.)

I insist on **PROMINENT LABELING** for each and every product containing ANY irradiated substance/part. Labeling **MUST** include "irradiated" or "irradiation" **AND** the **RADURA SYMBOL**.

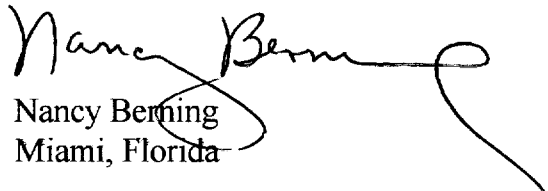
Proposed "alternative terms" such as "cold pasteurization" and electronic pasteurization" are **UNACCEPTABLE**. They are **MISLEADING** and **MUST NOT BE USED**.

The absence of a statement would be misleading because:

- Irradiation destroys vitamins
- Irradiation causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer

These regulations **MUST NOT EXPIRE** until the majority of we, the people, **VOTE** for it to expire!

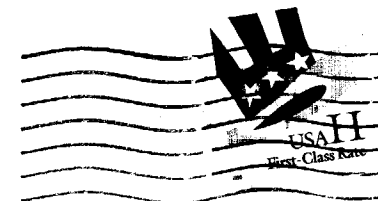
Please, vote for **LIFE** and **HEALTH**, not dollars and cents!


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